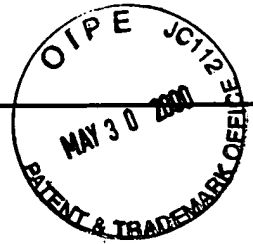


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Invention: **APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY**



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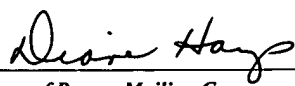


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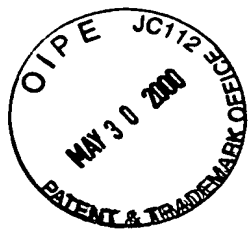
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a vehicle frame component comprising [the steps of]:
a heating structure;
a cooling structure disposed adjacent to said heating structure; and
a support mechanism adapted to support a workpiece and to move the workpiece past said heating structure and said cooling structure so as to perform a

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